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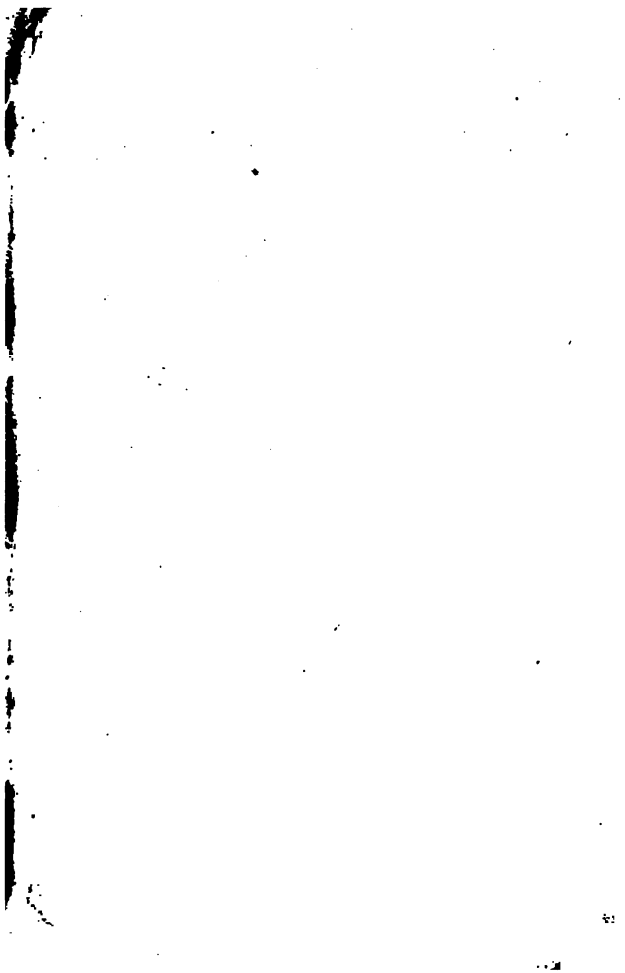
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ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot, ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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PREFACE.

PRIVATE prayer need not—ought not—to be exclusively for ourselves; as we practically own when we use the Lord's Prayer in private: for its supplications, keeping the individual suppliant out of view, ask the same blessings for all who call God their Father, as for the person praying. And on the other hand, since the wants of all are nearly the same, general prayers intended, like the Collects in the Prayer-book, for the whole Church at large, require but a slight change to become suitable for individuals in private. The following Prayers have been drawn up with an earnest desire to express the feelings and wants of all who love their Bible and Prayer-book; and to avoid many less vital points on which conscientious persons often differ, because they view them from different sides. Most of them may readily be made suitable for family worship by changing the words *I*, *mine*, and *me*, into *we*, *ours*, and *us*.

Those, in any station of life, who are toiling in the harassing and ceaseless round of business or of work,

find but scanty leisure for private reading and devotion, because their time is seldom under their own control. Of those who do not neglect private prayer, comparatively few believe themselves able for the further resolute effort usually required to gather their households round a family altar. This is unquestionably wrong; yet it is not easy for minds much occupied in secular duties to collect their ideas in prayer, or, at least, to embody them in words. The Lord is our true teacher of prayer: "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Every one, indeed, who has the desire, is competent for ejaculatory prayer; that secret inward lifting up of the heart, which none but God knows of; the earnest wish poured out without words, and even during our busiest moments, for pardon, help, or comfort. (Nehem. ii. 2—5.) But the following manual of short, comprehensive prayers, abounding in expressions already venerable among us, is offered to all who, not finding leisure for longer stated devotions, may in their supplications feel at a loss for words or ideas. And as the habit of connecting the Word of God with worship is always important, and is invariably practised by the Church, a few passages of Scripture have been *referred to in each prayer*; from which some verses in

accordance with the prayer used may be chosen for reading, should the Lessons or Psalms in the Prayer-book Calendar be thought too long, and no other course of reading be fixed on.

The Manual contains Daily Morning and Evening Prayers for four weeks, together with a few of a more special kind afterwards. In the fourth week will be found some on general subjects, which yet ought to find a place even in our private devotions. (1 Tim. ii. 2; John xvii. 21; Rom. x. 1, 14; 2 Thess. iii. 1.) The Prayers can either be used regularly throughout, or according to their subjects as expressed in the headings. Each Prayer may end with the Lord's Prayer and Grace; and may, if desired, be lengthened by adding the Collect for the day, and even one or more prayers from the Daily Service in the Prayer-book.

The Manual is short, but embraces many subjects: nor do we need much variety in our prayers. The ordinary daily food of any family, however much be in their power, is comprised in a very few nourishing and constantly used articles, which yet never weary the healthy appetite. Similar will be the case as regards the food of our souls when in their most healthy state; for the desire of novelty and variety is no good sign of spiritual welfare.

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EXHORTATIONS TO PRAYER.

BE careful for nothing ; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God : and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phil. iv. 6.)

Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. iv. 16.)

This is the confidence that we have in God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us : and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (1 John v. 14.)

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

PSALM XVI.—ISAIAH XL.—1 THESS. V.

For Sanctification of Heart.

O GOD, Thou hast not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ ; who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Grant us thy grace that we may comfort ourselves with this hope, and help one another : that we may know them which labour among us and are over us in the Lord, and may esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake. Grant that we may be at unity together ; may rejoice evermore and pray without ceasing ; may hold fast that which is good ; may abstain from all appearance of evil. Thou art the very God of peace : Oh, sanctify me wholly ; and grant that my whole spirit, and soul, and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou art faithful who hast called me, and thou also wilt do this for his sake ; and thy mercy hath not left me in darkness, that the day of thy coming should overtake me as a thief. Enlighten me this day with thy Holy Spirit ; that, worshipping thee aright, and receiving thy word, I may find mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

PSALM XL.—JOHN XIV.—HEBREWS IV.

For the Benefits of the Sabbath.

O GOD of peace, who givest to man thy rest on the Sabbath, have mercy on me that my soul may find thy rest and may quiet itself in thee. Thou hast called us in thy holy Gospel out of the restless, troublesome unquietness of the world, into that peace which the world cannot give, and which passeth all understanding. Thou givest us the nightly rest of natural sleep to fit us for next day's earthly duties: thou givest us the weekly rest of Sunday to prepare our souls for everlasting life in heaven. Nourish my soul with the refreshments which thou hast given me to-day, that I may be strong for the duties which yet lie before me in life: that so in godly quietness and peace I may alway praise and serve thee, and in patience possess my soul. Pour out thy Holy Spirit on me from above; and grant that unto me the work of righteousness may be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. Grant to me, and to all whom I bear on my heart, that we may dwell in peaceable habitations, and in sure dwellings, and in a quiet resting-place for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

PSALM XXXII.—JOB XXXIII.—ROMANS VI.

For Mercy.

O GOD, merciful Father, I acknowledge thee through my manifold transgressions I deserve thy sharp rebuke and correction. But thou deal with me after my sins I am not able to abide thy heavy displeasure. Wherefore deal mercifully with me, O Lord, after the greatness of thy goodness, and the multitude of thy mercies, that I may rather rejoice and be thankful unto thee for the abundance of thy loving-kindness, than be cast down by the dreadful consciousness of thine indignation. Pour upon me the plentiful dew of thy Spirit, that I may daily advance towards the full growth of a Christian. Take away from me the stony heart, and give me instead thereof a heart of flesh, that I may provoke thy wrath no more, but diligently walk in thy ways. Grant me so to repent of all my former errors and trespasses, that henceforward fruits worthy of true repentance may appear in my ways. Grant me so to pass through this mortal life, that at the last I may attain unto the blessed resurrection and life eternal, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXXXVIII.—ZECHAR. III.—GALAT. VI.

For the Influences of the Holy Ghost.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God, which givest unto thy people the Holy Ghost, as a sure pledge of thy heavenly kingdom, grant unto me this Holy Spirit, that he may dwell in me for ever, and may bear witness with my spirit that I am thy child, and heir of thy kingdom. So bless me in my heart and soul, and so strengthen me with thy continual presence, that by the operation of this Holy Spirit I may mortify all carnal lusts within my heart, all covetousness and evil affections, and whatsoever is contrary to thy holy will. Grant that as now I seek bodily rest and refreshment in sleep, so my soul may quiet itself in thy tender love and faithful fatherly goodness. For thou gavest thine only Son for us to take away our sins, and in Him is our peace and hope and everlasting salvation. Oh, let thy mercies be unto me a shelter and safeguard this night, and not to me only, but to all whom I love. Of thy good providence raise me up on the morrow, strengthened for fresh duties. Be thou my guide and light while I live, and mine eternal salvation, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

PSALM XXXVII.—1 KINGS XIX.—HEB. XIII.

That our Faith may bear Fruit.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, the very God of peace, which broughtest again from the dead the Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, I beseech thee make me perfect in every good work to do thy will ; and work in me that which is well-pleasing in thy sight through Jesus Christ. Let me not be carried about with divers and strange doctrines, but grant that my heart be established with grace. Here have I no continuing city, but I seek one to come, where Jesus Christ dwelleth : by him, therefore, would I offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise continually, the fruits of my lips giving thanks unto thy name. Let me not forget to do good and to communicate, for with such sacrifices also thou art well pleased. Grant that I may continue in the faith grounded and settled, that I be not easily moved away from the hope of the Gospel. Cause me to know the riches of the glory of that mystery, which is Christ in us the hope of glory. So in my daily life shall I by thy grace show forth thy Spirit dwelling in me. Grant this for Christ's sake. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXV.—ZECHARIAH XIII.—1 JOHN IV.

Commending the Soul to God.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, thanks be unto thee for all thy mercies this day ; thy gracious care of me, thy fatherly provision for my wants. Be thou evermore my keeper and defender. Count not against me, O Lord, the offences of which conscience this day beareth witness ; nor yet those many more of which my ignorance and dulness have taken no note. Blot them out of the book of thy remembrance for Jesus' sake, that I may be at peace with thee for evermore, and look upon me as accepted in Him thy beloved Son. Preserve me in the hours of sleep and unconsciousness, from outward danger and from inward evil. Grant that I may find my rest in thee ; rest of mind and body, to fit me for the duties which thou mayest call me to fulfil ; rest and quietness of soul from the crafts and assaults of the enemy of all good. Grant that the peace of God which passeth all understanding, may keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and that the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, may be with me this night, and for ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PSALM II.—ISAIAH XLI.—REV. III.

To Christ Crucified for us.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who wast crucified for us, we beseech thee that we may be crucified with thee unto sin and the world ; that with thee we may also rise unto everlasting life. For me thy flesh was crucified : with thee, O Christ, let the kingdom of the flesh in my heart be crucified, even that evil nature which hath within me too much dominion. Grant that I may daily put off the old Adam, according to the vow promised at my baptism ; and by newness of life may be daily made more and more like unto thee, the second Adam. Deliver me from the plague of mine own evil heart. Let sin, and unbelief, and all the power of Satan, be overcome within me, and brought under, yea, abolished. Grant, O blessed Saviour, that by thy cross and suffering for me, thy yoke, which I have taken on me, may unto me be made easy, thy burden light ; so that, being separated in heart from this world, and gladly following thee, I may come unto that eternal kingdom whither thou art gone before, and unto God, from whose love *nothing* shall be able to separate me. Grant this *for thine own name's sake.* Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXXXIII.—DEUT. XXIV.—1 COR. XIII.

For Christian Love and Charity.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth, send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Thou hast shewed that we may bestow all our goods in almsgiving to feed the poor, and yet have no charity, nor truly love our neighbour ; yea, that we may give our bodies to be burned in martyrdom, and yet have no charity, neither love thee, the Lord our God. Grant me, therefore, the help of thy grace, that I may not seek mine own welfare rather than that of others, but may flee from the error of Cain, and feel that thou hast created us keepers and helpers one to another, both for soul and body. Have mercy upon me, and take from me bitter and hasty tempers, unkind and envious feelings ; and grant me a brotherly and forgiving spirit, seeing I so much need forgiveness. Wash away my transgressions, and give me grace to sin no more. Hear me for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

PSALM LVI.—EZEKIEL XXXIII.—1 COR. X.

For Victory over the Old Nature.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of a new day, mercifully keep me through the same; and do not with me according to my deservings, but according to the multitude of thy mercies. For in me dwelleth by nature no good thing. My heart is foolish and ignorant; my will is against goodness; my confidence is too often placed in myself; my doubtfulness is too mingled with distrust of thy lovingkindness; my affections are too earthly after things of this life; my fears too much regard earthly troubles. The tree of my corrupt fallen nature bringeth forth in me daily the evil fruits of the flesh in thought, and word, and deed. Have mercy on me, O Lord my God, and by thy Holy Spirit mortify the old nature in me, that I, continually dying unto sin and living unto righteousness, may evermore bless and praise thee by my words and ways, walking in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name. Grant that I may be taught and guided by thy grace and pardoned and accepted for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

PSALM XXX.—ISAIAH XXVI.—REVELATION II.

For Stedfastness.

O 'ALMIGHTY GOD, which knowest the way of the righteous, and lookest to the humble and contrite heart, work in me true repentance, and pardon and deliver me from all my sins, that I may be accounted righteous in thy sight for Jesus Christ's sake. Grant unto me the humble and lowly heart, the broken and contrite spirit. Pour upon me the blessed influences of the Holy Ghost, that my soul may prosper as a tree which the Lord hath planted by the river's side, which bringeth forth its fruit in due season, and whose leaf shall not wither. Let me not be like the ungodly, who are, yea, and shall be, scattered as the chaff. Let not every blast of opinion or of doctrine, of feeling or of affection, draw me aside from stedfastness in thee, and in thy Holy Faith. Let the enemy of souls have no advantage over me, nor the wicked one approach to hurt me. Be unto me a tower of strength from the face of my great enemy. O Lord, hear my prayer; keep me, and all whom I love, this night, and let my cry come even up to thee, and be accepted for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

PSALM XLI.—ECCLESIASTES V.—JAMES V.

For Earthly and Heavenly Provision.

O LORD, forasmuch as I brought nothing into this world, and of a certainty can carry nothing out, have mercy on me, and incline my heart daily unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness, seeing that covetousness ought not once to be named amongst us, as becometh saints. I am a stranger and pilgrim on earth, seeking a better home. Oh, incline my heart to lay up treasure for myself in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt—where thieves do not break through and steal. Grant me grace to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and then all needful things for earth shall be added unto me. Thou, O heavenly Father, knowest what things I have need of, for the body wherewith thou hast created me; and for the state of life in which thou hast placed me; and for the friends whom thou hast made dependent upon me. Feed me with food convenient for me; and, above all, nourish my soul with that bread which endureth unto everlasting life, even Jesus Christ thy Son, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXV.—NUMBERS XXI.—1 PETER II.

A Thanksgiving.

O MERCIFUL GOD, thou didst create the world for our sakes ; didst redeem us by the precious death of thy Son Jesus Christ ; didst cause all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning ; and hast brought us into thy covenant, and kept us in thy holy Church. Thou hast preserved and defended us ; hast provided for us, and been a father to us, lo, these many years. For these and all other thy good gifts, and gracious mercies, thy holy name be praised ; for they come of thine own lovingkindness, and not of our deservings. Grant to me, O Lord, a thankful heart for all these blessings ; and, for Christ's sake, pardon all my neglect of thy grace, mine unthankfulness for thy goodness. Put away all the transgressions which I have committed against thee at any time, and by any means ; and give me an heart to serve and please thee henceforth in newness of life. Refresh me this night with needful rest and sleep ; and whensoever my last sleep of death shall come, and my body shall rest in the dust, O take my soul unto thine ever-blessed home, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

PSALM XXXIV.—JER. XLIV. 1-15.—HEB. VI.

For a Penitent Heart.

O MOST gracious God, I confess that I have sinned and done wickedly, times and ways unnumbered, and have departed from thy holy law. It is of thy goodness only, that sinful man ever desireth repentance, or hath his stony heart drawn to seek unto thee. Oh, for thy mercy's sake in Christ, work in me unfeigned repentance, and, by thy Spirit, humble and mortify my evil nature; awaken my conscience for my sins; kindle in me a right longing for salvation, that so, in thy good time, I may be quickened, and comforted, and strengthened. Though my heart be naturally inclined to evil, yet, of thy mercy, turn and incline it now to good: though I shrink by nature more from suffering than from sin, yet henceforward cause me to look on sin as that abominable thing which thou hatest, and to flee from whatsoever would grieve thy Holy Spirit. Thou art nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and savest such as be of a contrite spirit. Teach me to do thy will, O my God; lead me in a plain path, because of the enemy of my soul. Let thy mercy be upon me, for my *hope is in thee, through Jesus Christ.* Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXXXVI.—MALACHI III.—2 TIMOTHY II.

For a Godly Spirit.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, I confess that I have not worthily esteemed thine inestimable love towards me and towards all. For thou didst give thy blessed Son a sacrifice for all our sins, and on him hast thou laid the iniquity of us all ; and yet I have lived as if I had no part in him. Have mercy, therefore, on me, O Lord, and forgive me all my unthankfulness to thee, yea, all mine offences. Work in me by thy Holy Spirit a right knowledge of mine unworthiness and sin ; and an earnest and abiding penitence. Give me the softened and confiding heart, the sorrowing mind and tender conscience, the stedfast desire for thy grace, the hungering and thirsting after righteousness, the spirit which ever setteth forth thy glory, and is not of the world, but of thee. Grant me, wholly and gladly and alway, to resign myself into thy hands ; for thy goodness in Christ Jesus hath manifestly shown to us thy love. Keep me safe this night ; and while I close mine eyes against this world in sleep, O may my heart also be closed against it, and drawn towards thee, as its only true and abiding rest ; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

PSALM LXXXI.—ISAIAH LVI.—COLOSSIANS I.

To have what St. Paul prayed for.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, grant, I beseech thee, that I may be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ; that I may walk worthy of thee unto all pleasing ; being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Strengthen me with all might, according to thy glorious power ; unto all patience and long-suffering, with joyfulness. Work in me thankfulness unto thee, O heavenly Father, who hast made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light ; who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of thy dear Son. For in him have we redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins ; and in him hath it pleased thee that all fulness should dwell. Thou hast made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto thyself ; in the body of his flesh, through death, to present us holy and unblameable, and unreprouable in thy sight. For his sake bless me with the blessings of this holy day, that I may delight myself in the Lord *through him.* Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

PSALM XCVI.—JEREMIAH XVII.—ROMANS V.

That the Spirit may be poured on us.

(**O**) LORD Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath, have mercy upon me, and upon all thy Church. And like as thy servant John was in the Spirit on the Lord's-day, so grant us also to have the blessing of thy presence, the consciousness of thy love and wisdom and goodness, the manifestations of thy Holy Spirit. Pour into my heart continually the spirit of grace and supplications ; and shine into my inmost soul with the light of thy truth. Let not the good seed which hath fallen upon my understanding to-day, be caught away by the wicked one, nor withered by the hardness of my heart, nor choked with the thorns of bitterness always springing up within. To thee I come for wisdom and strength, that may keep me in my weekly labours, and trials, and temptations. To thee I seek for grace to help me in every time of need ; to thee I fly for pardoning mercy. And, above all, into thy hand I humbly commend myself, that thou mayest bless me, and prepare me against the hour of death, and fit me to rise with thee in the glorious Sabbath of the resurrection, for the sake of thine own most precious death and atonement. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

PSALM CXIX. 1-24.—ISAIAH LXIII.—2 TIM. III.

For Profit from God's Word.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, whose word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths, I humbly beseech thee so to enlighten my mind and prepare my heart, that I may understand and receive the unspeakable mysteries of thy holy word ; even the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ Jesus. Grant, O Lord, that whatsoever I shall profitably learn therein I may indeed fulfil ; and whatsoever I shall by thy teaching understand, I may be virtuously changed into the selfsame thing ; so that I may no more offend thy Divine majesty, neither displease thee in any of my ways. Thy word which goeth forth out of thy mouth, returneth not unto thee void, but accomplisheth that which pleaseth thee, and prospereth in the thing whereto thou didst send it. Grant me, therefore, to search therein for thy truth and faithfulness, and loving-kindness ; and to hearken for the voice of its instruction, which saith unto me, This is the way, walk ye in it ; turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. O guide me of thy mercy in that way everlasting, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXXV.—HOSEA XIII.—MATTHEW VII.

Against a Judging Spirit.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all, thou hast commanded us not to speak evil one of another, nor to judge one another ; for thou art the Judge of all, the Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Have mercy on me, and keep me from a judging spirit ; and make me slow to think evil of others. Work in my heart that abiding charity which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, and never faileth. So shall I first cast the beam from mine own eye, before I seek to take the mote from my brother's eye. So shall all bitterness be put away from me, and I shall be tender-hearted and forbearing to others. Give me wisdom, and a sound mind, and the spirit of meekness towards such as are overtaken in a fault, considering myself, lest I also be tempted. For with what judgment I judge my neighbour, I shall myself be judged hereafter. My hope and my salvation come from thy forgiveness only, yea, hang wholly on thy compassion. O make me forgiving, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

PSALM CXXXIX.—JEREMIAH VIII.—ACTS III.

For a Clean Heart.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest the heart, and knowest what is in man, have mercy upon me, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Who can say, My heart is clean, I am clean from sin? Oh, therefore, take away my stony and unbelieving heart, which is ever ready to turn aside from thee, and alway inclined to the allurements around. Create in me a clean and hallowed heart, free from evil thoughts, void of ungodly motions. Breathe into me by thy Holy Spirit godly and spiritual affections, good desires, and holy resolves; that so, out of these good treasures of the heart, I may bring forth good things unto thy praise and glory. Keep far from me the thought of foolishness, which is sin. Let not vain thoughts lodge within me, but wash my heart from wickedness, that I may be saved. Let me not set up mine idols in my heart, which is thy temple, lest I be estranged from thee through them; but kindle in me the true love and right fear of God, that with my heart I may believe unto righteousness and be saved, through *Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

PSALM XXXVI.—ISAIAH XXXV.—JAMES I.

To be led in the Way of Holiness.

O GOD of all grace, who strengthenest the weak hands, and confirmest the feeble knees, have mercy upon me, that I may be strong in thy faith, and may cheerfully trust in thee. Thou openest the eyes of the blind, thou unstoppest the ears of the deaf ; thou makest the lame to leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb to sing. Thou makest the waters of life to spring forth in the wilderness, and pourest the blessed streams of thy Holy Spirit into the withered and barren soul. O show unto me that highway through this evil world, which is the path of holiness ; and over which the unclean pass not. O make me clean through Christ, that I may walk therein, with the redeemed for whom it is appointed. Foolish and sinful as I am, a wayfarer through the stormy paths of life, I shall err in that highway, except thou guide me. Keep me stedfast on it, that I may depart from evil ; and be safe from the roaring lion, which thou hast promised shall not go up thereon. And of thy mercy bring me unto thy holy hill of Zion with everlasting joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who hath ransomed me. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PSALM LXXXVIII.—ZECHARIAH III.—JOHN XI.

Confession of Sin.

O MOST merciful Father, whose love is unbounded, whose mercy endureth for ever, I confess this morning my great and manifold sins. I acknowledge mine offences, and will not hide my transgressions ; for they are more in number than the hairs of my head. When I awake up I am still with thee, spared by thy mercy, blessed with thy gracious care, and surrounded with thy goodness. My conscience well knows how often I have sinned, and yet my memory hath forgotten too many of my sins. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and blot them all out for Jesus Christ's sake ; whom thou hast set forth as a reconciler and a peace-maker, a sacrifice through whom we have pardon by faith in his precious blood-shedding. For his sake soften and renew my heart, and give me unfeigned repentance, and amendment of what is evil in my ways. Give me true and lively faith ; preserve me in the unity of thy Church, and by thy Holy Spirit grant me humble, stedfast confidence that thou hast forgiven me ; so shall I henceforth live unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXXI.—ISAIAH XXV.—2 TIM. II.

For Reliance upon God.

O MERCIFUL and gracious Father, who hast been my safeguard this day and all the past time of my life, have mercy upon me now, and keep me in peace and welfare and safety this night. Thou hast made fatherly provision for us sinners; and hast of thy loving-kindness given us rich portions in the blessings of earth, and still more in the precious redemption purchased for us by Jesus Christ thy Son. For his sake grant me the help of thy grace and Holy Spirit, that like as my body findeth its rest and refreshment in sleep, so my soul may find its present rest and its everlasting peace in thee. Let thy mighty hand and outstretched arm be now and evermore my defence. Let thy mercy and loving-kindness in Jesus Christ be my never-failing hope, and all my salvation. Let thy truth and blessed Word be my instruction, to enlighten me with the wisdom which is from above. Let thy grace and Holy Spirit be my comfort, my strength, my glad and cheering consolation unto the end, and for evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

PSALM XXXI.—PROVERBS VIII.—LUKE XVIII.

That our Foundation may be Sure.

O GOD, who art the author and giver of all good things, strengthen my faith; for through faith we obtain of thee all things whatsoever we ask in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ; and by faith as many as believe are justified, and made the sons and heirs of God, and have everlasting life. Suffer me not, O Lord, to lean 'on mine own understanding, nor to believe as blind flesh fancieth, nor to seek salvation where superstition dreameth. Grant that my faith may be grounded only on thy Word; and give me grace to believe in thee with the heart, and to put my trust in thee, looking for all good things from thee alone; to consider and call upon thy blessed name in adversity, and with cheerful voice and joyful heart, to praise thee in prosperity. I beseech thee, increase and strengthen this faith in me, that I may daily grow in grace, and daily be stronger in thee; and daily show myself faithful before thee and the world, by bringing forth abundantly the fruit of good works to the welfare of thy Church, and the praise and glory of thy holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXLVII.—ISAIAH XLII.—1 JOHN II.

To Christ our Strength and Redeemer.

O LORD Jesus Christ, my defender and keeper, who alway watchest over me, take me now into thy holy care; and grant that sleeping or waking, living or dying, I may be thine, in soul and body, in heart and mind and imagination. Thou art my rest, in thee is mine everlasting peace; and as thou hast safely brought me through the past day, so of thy mercy bring me, and all whom I bear on my heart, safely through this night. One day more of the years of my lifetime have I finished; one day nearer am I to the grave. Oh, let the sins of the past day, yea of all my past life, be blotted out; for thou art mine intercessor, my mediator, mine all-sufficient sacrifice and atonement. To thee was I given in my baptism, and thine I am. O grant that thy Holy Spirit may dwell in me, so that my soul and body may be thine; not in covenant and duty only, but much more in unfeigned repentance and godliness of heart and living. My life is hid with thee in God; O set my affections on things above. Grant this, O Lord, for thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

PSALM VIII.—PROVERBS XIV.—JAMES IV.

Against Pride.

O GOD, who resistest the proud, and gives grace unto the humble, grant that I may take thy yoke upon me, and learn of thee. Nought have I that I have not received from thee. O let me not be proud as though I had not received it ; but graft in my heart the true knowledge of myself, that I may be poor in spirit, meek and lowly in heart, conscious of the plague that dwelleth within me.. So shall I esteem all others better than myself, seeing I know not their difficulties ; but I do know the privileges vouchsafed unto me, and which I have so lightly esteemed, so little improved. Take from me all pride and arrogancy of heart, that I may be lowly in mine own eyes, seeking no mine own honour but thine. Praise be unto thee for all thy gifts and all thy goodness ; to me be longeth shame and confusion of face, for my unprofitableness and sin. Keep far from me that pride that would say even to the ungodly, “ Stand by thyself, for I am holier than thou ;” and grant that my glorying may be in the cross of Christ alone, to whom be everlasting honour and blessing and praise. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXLII.—AMOS VIII.—1 JOHN I.

For Light and Grace.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me for his sake, and because he suffered to deliver us from eternal death and the power of darkness. Send, I beseech thee, into my heart thy Holy Spirit of truth, to work in me true and living and steadfast faith : that the clear light and brightness of thy Gospel, the glory of Christ, may shine into me and enlighten my mind ; so shall I learn the unspeakable riches of the mystery of our redemption by Christ. O gracious Father, give unto me the spirit of wisdom, and bring me unto the true knowledge of thy Son Jesus Christ. Open and enlighten the eyes of my mind, that I may know what the hope is whereunto thou hast called me ; and how rich is the glory of thine inheritance upon thy people, and the greatness of thy power towards us. Write in my heart love to thy law, and hatred to all sin ; and so work in me by thy Holy Spirit, that by faith and understanding of Jesus Christ, I may be according to the name I bear,—a true Christian ; and may set forth the glory of thy grace given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

PSALM XLIX.—PROVERBS XXX.—MATTHEW VI.

For our Daily Bread.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, who hast preserved me through the night, I beseech thee to keep and guide me through the day. All thy creatures receive their food from thee: that which thou givest them they gather; thou openest thine hand and satisfiest every living thing with good. Thou hast of thy bounty supplied me and mine with needful sustenance until this day. Sanctify all thy merciful gifts to us, that we may use them aright, and according to thy blessed will; and may ever acknowledge thee to be the giver of all good, whether for the body or for the soul. And grant us also the spiritual food of thy blessed Word and ordinances, wherewith our souls may be nourished unto life eternal through Jesus Christ; for he is the bread of life which came down from heaven, of whom whosoever eateth shall live for ever: Lord, evermore give us this bread. And whiles I am occupied this day in mine earthly calling, draw my heart upwards unto thyself, that I may live and walk as having my portion with thee in *heaven*, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXLI.—JOB XXVIII.—LUKE XIV.

For Wisdom from on High.

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of them might have hope, grant unto me, I beseech thee, knowledge and true understanding of thy Word, that all darkness and ignorance may be banished from my heart. Then shall I know what thy will and pleasure is in all things, and how to do my daily duties, and to walk aright in that state of life unto which thou hast called me. Then also by thy grace shall I show forth in my daily living the things which I know ; not only hearing the words of God, and finding the knowledge of the Most High, but also working his blessed will. For not the hearers of thy law are just before thee, but the doers of it shall be justified, in the day when the secrets of all hearts shall be made manifest. O Lord, be not strict to mark mine iniquities, for I cannot answer thee for one of a thousand of my doings ; but blot out all mine offences, and accept for me the obedience and death of Jesus Christ thy Son, in whom alone is all my hope and all my salvation *Amen.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

PSALM XCV.—ISAIAH LVIII.—1 COR. III.

For Grace to Hallow the Sabbath.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who gavest thy Sabbath before sin had entered the world, and hast preserved it ever since for our everlasting welfare, vouchsafe unto me its blessings this day. I confess that in time past I have not kept holy thy Sabbaths, nor revered thy sanctuary, as I ought to have done. I have too often sought mine own pleasures, and spoken mine own words on thy holy day ; neither have I honoured it as the holy of the Lord. Therefore it is that I have so little delighted myself in thee, and so little known the riches of that heritage which the Lord of the Sabbath waiteth to bestow. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for this and all my sins, and grant me henceforward alway to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy, for it is thy day and not mine own. Cause me to love the courts of thy House, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Bless me to-day with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things by Christ Jesus ; that I may daily go from strength to strength, until I come and appear before thee in heaven itself, through the *merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

PSALM XLII.—ISAIAH LXI.—1 PETER I.

For Strength from Above.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, through whose mercy there remaineth a rest for the people of God, sanctify to me the privileges of thine earthly Sabbath, that I may be strong in faith and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast brought me into the covenant of thy Church by baptism, and hast made known to me the way of salvation by thy Scriptures. But our adversary the devil goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour ; the flesh lusteth against the Spirit ; the world persuadeth to vanities ; yea, all things tempt us to forget thee, that we may lose our souls and perish. Whoso liveth without thy grace liveth as the servant of sin and bondsman of Satan, however much he hath of earthly pleasure. Endue me, therefore, with strength, that henceforth I may be able with strong faith to resist the devil, with fervent prayer to mortify the flesh and keep it under ; and with meditation on thy holy Word to avoid the vanities of the world and live for thee ; that I may find the strait and narrow gate that leadeth to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

PSALM CXXXII.—MICAH II.—GAL. V.

For Increase and Constancy of Faith.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who not only givest every good and perfect gift, but dost increase the gifts which thou hast given, I humbly beseech thee to increase in me the gift of faith, that I may truly believe in thee, and in thy promises made unto us. Of thy only gift it cometh that even my understanding has learned to believe in Jesus Christ, as the true and only Saviour, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Give me grace daily more and more to believe also with my heart unto righteousness ; that neither by sinful negligence, nor by the weakness of my earthly nature ; neither by the grievousness of temptation, nor by the subtlety of Satan, should I be driven from firm and practical faith in the blood of our only Saviour. Fix my hopes upon that only which thy Word teaches me to trust in ; and grant me to fulfil this day's duties, and endure this day's trials, as seeing him who is invisible ; and as looking unto those blessed things, not seen as yet, which thou hast promised after death to such as believe with living faith on the name of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXLIII.—HOSEA VI.—ROMANS VII.

The Prayer of a Wounded Conscience.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, have mercy upon me, and enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. I confess and lament mine unnumbered sins and trespasses. For Jesus Christ's sake, forgive me all that is past, and grant that henceforward I may turn aside from whatsoever is evil, and serve and please thee in newness of life. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me from the enemy of my soul. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God. Thy Spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness, for in thee do I trust. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake : for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble, that I may praise thy name. Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living : I stretch forth my hands unto thee, and my soul thirsteth after thee. Hide not thy face from me, but deliver me, and cause me to hear thy loving-kindness, and save me for Jesus' sake, thine only Son. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

PSALM LV.—MALACHI I.—JOHN XV

For Consistency.

O GOD, who art the Author of all good, have mercy upon me this day, and give me the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments I may please thee both in word and deed. Give me grace continually to keep my members which are of the earth, and in newness of life as becometh my beloved vow. Grant that I may be continually in thy spirit with thee, as becometh a partaker of holy communion to be ; then are we thy children when we do the things thou commandest ; then are we thy servants when we are conformed unto thy will ; then are we thy sons when we honour and reverence thee according to thy word. Then do we seek thy glory, and avoid dishonouring thee ; and when we answereth our professions. Grant that our holiness and godliness may so be seen in our life among men, as that they may glorify in us and praise thee. Yet, O Lord, deal not with me as I have deserved, or may hereafter deserve ; for then shall my transgressions and short comings overwhelm me ; but deal with me according to thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TUESDAY EVENING.

PSALM XI.—ECCLES. I.—MATT. XVIII.

For Quietness of Soul.

) GOD, even our Father, who hast loved us, and hast given us everlasting consolation, and joy and hope through grace, comfort our hearts and enlighten us in every good word and work. Direct our hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ, who is the Saviour of men, specially of them that believe. Thou art the Lord of peace ; vouchsafe thyself to give peace always by all means, and be thou with us evermore. In thee, O Lord, is all my hope and all my salvation ; and thy love passeth knowledge. O that thou wouldst bless me indeed, and wouldst enlarge my soul with the perfect freedom which is in thy service. O that thine hand might be always with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. Thou art mine everlasting rest ; and there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared. My soul waiteth for thee, O Lord, and in thy word I hope : to thee I come, O heavenly Father, committing myself altogether on thy love and truth and mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PSALM XC.—ECCLES. VII.—ROMANS III.

For a Spirit devoted to God.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, I bless thee for thy gracious care through the past night; grant me thy grace that I may spend to-day wholly to thy service, so that all I do, or say, or think, may be to the glory of thy holy name, the welfare of my brethren of mankind, and the salvation of my own soul. Shine as the morning sun into my heart, with the brightness and freshness of thy Holy Spirit, to guide me in the way of righteousness, and to show unto me whatsoever sins and dangers and temptations have to be avoided; so shall mine heart hope for happiness from thy only gift, and for prosperity from thee alone. Let me not take in hand to-day aught which is against thy blessed will. Make it my care to walk in thy fear, and so to labour for the present life in my lawful calling, as that my heart shall look beyond, and fix its eye on the heavenly life which thou hast promised unto thy children. For I have been baptized to thee, and bear the Saviour's cross on my forehead, in token that I should be a good soldier and servant of Jesus Christ, even unto my life's end. Be with me evermore, for his name's sake. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

PSALM XXIV.—HABAK. III.—REV. VII.

For a Cheering Hope of Heaven.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, which hast prepared everlasting life to all that love thee—to them that be thy faithful servants, grant to me, I beseech thee, the sure and abiding hope of that life eternal ; that whilst I am here in this evil and troublesome world, I may have the taste and feeling of a better life in my heart ; and may daily live as one who seeks it, and hopes for it, and is to dwell therein ; and may at length attain unto it through the merits and mediation of our Lord and only Saviour Jesus Christ. And even as this present life is not our rest, neither this world our home, so grant me grace to set my affections upon that eternal rest, and my hopes upon that blessed place which thy dear Son hath gone to prepare for us in thine house above, where are many mansions. Through him I humbly come to thee this night, entreating mercy and pardon for all my transgressions, known and unknown, during the past day. And now, in humble cheerful trust, I commend myself, and all those whom I love, unto thee for grace and protection this night, for the sake of the same *our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

PSALM V.—ISAIAH XXV.—MATTHEW III.

For continual Repentance.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank thee that thou hast spared and kept me through the night ; and now thou offerest me of thy goodness time and space to repent and amend, and henceforward live godly. Daily my body draws nearer to the grave, O let my soul daily draw nearer to heaven, its proper home. My life standeth not still, my soul approacheth continually either to bliss or to woe. Wherefore I beseech thee, as of thy goodness thou givest me time to repent and live godly, so of the same thy goodness in Christ thou wouldst grant me thy gracious gift of true and holy and perpetual repentance ; that I may daily more and more lament my past transgressions, and daily trust more and more in thy rich mercy through Christ for pardon. Grant me firmly to purpose, and unceasingly to labour, this day and all my days, to praise and honour thee in what I say, or do, or think. Let me never be further tempted or tried than thou wilt help and strengthen me to withstand. Leave me not, neither forsake, *O God of my salvation ; but keep me always in thy fear, and save me for Jesus' sake.* Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXXXV.—EZEKIEL XIII.—ROM. IV.

For Faith.

O LORD, forasmuch as without faith it is impossible to please thee, and whatsoever is not of faith is sin ; I beseech thee to take from me all unbelief and the hardness of my natural heart, and to plant in me, by thy Holy Spirit, true and living faith, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. So shall I without doubt believe and be thoroughly persuaded that Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, is God and man ; our only Mediator, Advocate, and Intercessor ; our only and sufficient sacrifice ; our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption. So also shall I feel my own hope to stand in these blessed truths, and be unshaken. For his sake art thou well pleased with us ; through him are our sins remitted, and grace and everlasting life freely given unto us. O Lord, strengthen in me daily this faith ; and make it effectual, that so I may bring forth continually in thy Church the fruit of a godly and upright life ; that I may live to thy glory, and in all things adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

PSALM XIX.—HABAK. II.—EPHES. V.

Against Covetousness.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast taught that a man's life consisteth not in abundance of the things which he possess; have mercy upon me that I may beware covetousness, which is idolatry; nor vainly to serve both God and mammon. O grant that while I am calling covetousness a sin, I may not heart be honouring it as a virtue, yea, worshipping it as a god. Let me not be daily lading feet with thick clay, and hindering my course the highway of holiness. Take away from the insatiable desire of having; strengthen in my lawful calling, that I may provide things honest in the sight of all men, for myself and for those whom thou hast given me. Grant me grace not to trust in uncertain riches but the living God; to do good and be rich in good works; ready to distribute, laying up in store for myself a good foundation against the time to come, that I may obtain the gift of eternal life, from thee who here givest us richly things to enjoy; and above all, hast given thy Son, that by him we may have acceptance of salvation. Hear me, for his name's sake. Amen

FRIDAY EVENING.

PSALM CXXI.—GENESIS III.—JOHN III.

For the Pardon of Sin.

O GOD, our shield, I acknowledge my manifold offences against thee through all my past life, and especially through this day. I am not worthy to lift up mine eyes to thee, nor to take thy name into my lips. Neither dare I to come before thee trusting in mine own righteousness. For conscience witnesseth how oft I have offended, and thou art an holy and upright Judge, who wilt by no means clear the guilty. Yet thou hast commanded us to call upon thee in all our necessities ; thou hast found a ransom for us, and a way by which thou mightest be just, and yet the justifier of them that believe in Jesus Christ. Thou hast offered mercy, thou hast promised pardon, to all that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, forsaking their sins and amending their ways. O Lord, I renounce all hope but in thee ; thy goodness and mercy, through Christ, are mine only stay and refuge. Call not to remembrance my sins, but pardon my transgressions ; let thine everlasting arms be over me, and keep me in thy safe and holy care to-night and evermore, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

PSALM XV.—ISAIAH XXVII.—HEBREWS II.

That we may glorify God.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, open thine eye of mercy upon me, for I have sinned against thee times and ways without number. I have gone astray like a lost sheep ; seek thy servant, for through thy mercy I do not forget thy law ; seeing thou hast put into my heart earnest desires to repent, and amend what has been evil in my ways. O bring those desires to good effect. I come not unto thee hoping in my own righteousness, but only in thy manifold and great mercies, through Christ. Not every one who saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth thy will, O heavenly Father. O, therefore, grant me grace to walk worthy of thee, showing forth my faith by my works. Strengthen me to adorn thy doctrine, and to live for thee ; to promote the salvation of others as well as mine own, to count thy Church's welfare mine. Provide for my bodily wants, fit me for mine earthly duties ; defend me, and all who are dear to me, from every danger. Fix mine eye on the glorious *hope which thou hast set before us in thy Gospel, for Jesus Christ's sake.* Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

PSALM XXIII.—ISAIAH L.—JOHN X.

To Christ the Good Shepherd.

O LORD, my Shepherd, whose goodness keeps me so that I lack no good thing, what shall I render unto thee for all thy loving-kindness and tender mercy ? Thou feedest me in the green pastures of thy Sabbath—thy Word—thy Church ; and leadest me beside the still waters of comfort. Thou restorest my soul to thyself and to godliness ; thou leadest me in the paths of righteousness, even for thy names' sake. Unworthy and sinful though I am, yet will I fear no evil ; not even shouldst thou call me to pass through the valley of the shadow of death ; for thou art with me, thy rod of kingly power, thy staff of protecting care, comfort me. Thou preparest thy holy table for me, for the strengthening and refreshing of my soul ; thou anointest me with the precious and inward unction of thy Holy Spirit ; my cup of spiritual blessings is full. Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ; thy house on earth will I at all times love, and after death I shall dwell in thy house in heaven for ever, through the merits of thine own most precious death. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of
who knowest our necessities before
our ignorance in asking ; we beseech
compassion upon our infirmities ; and
which for our unworthiness we dare
our blindness we cannot, ask, vouchsafe
for the worthiness of thy Son
our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

PSALMS XXVI. LXIII.—ISAIAH LIII.—1 COR. XI.

Before the Holy Communion.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given thy blessed Son not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament, mercifully grant that I, coming this day to thy Holy Table, may receive the fulness of thy grace. Grant me so to examine myself, and so to repent of all sins, that I may come reverently and thankfully, with a quiet conscience, discerning the Lord's body, and having a full trust in thy mercy through his death. Grant me grace so to ponder the benefits of his precious blood-shedding, and so to feed on the banquet of this most heavenly food, as that I may have a sure persuasion of thy love and favour to me, thine unworthy creature. Yea, that thou, for thy dear Son's sake, art reconciled, and hast put away all my sins, and hast sent forth the Spirit of thy Son into my soul. Vouchsafe whilst I receive thy creatures of bread and wine, to feed my soul by faith with the very body and blood of Christ. That so being filled with new strength, and with the freshness and *vigour of spiritual life* to my great and endless *comfort*, I may glorify thee through Christ. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXXXIV.—ISAIAH LXIV.—1 JOHN III.

After the Holy Communion.

O GRACIOUS FATHER, blessed be thy name that thou art pleased to receive us miserable sinners into the fellowship of thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Thou didst deliver him unto death for us all, and gavest him also for the nourishing of our souls unto everlasting life; for, through the due receiving of thy holy mysteries, thou feedest us with the spiritual food of his most precious body and blood; thou makest us one with thee; thou dwellest in us, and grantest us to dwell in thee. No tongue can tell, no heart rightly conceive, the blessedness of these thy gracious benefits to us. Help me, therefore, O heavenly Father, whom thou hast this day blessed with thy Holy Sacrament, that by thy grace and Holy Spirit, I may continue in this fellowship, following all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; and living henceforth as made one with him who gave himself to redeem us from all iniquity, and to purify us unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Grant me alway to have my conversation in heaven, and be looking from thence for my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

PSALM CXIX. 33-48.—MICAH VI.—JAMES III.

For a Holy Walk.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art our Father, it becometh us thy children to show forth thy holiness in our daily life and conversation. Thou art good and gentle, thou art loving and merciful, thou art patient and long-suffering, thou art holy, just, and true. It is for us, therefore, in our daily living, to practise goodness and gentleness, to be loving and merciful to all, to show forth patience and longsuffering, to be holy, just, and true in all our ways. Have mercy on me, O God, for I have not lived thus, but am a grievous sinner. Thou hast given us an example that we should walk in thy steps; O grant me to dwell in thee, and so to walk as thou hast walked. The blood of Jesus Christ, in whom is all my hope, cleanseth from sin; grant me, therefore, no more to continue in darkness, but to walk in the light, as thou art in the light, and to live as it becometh thy children to live. Vouchsafe me the continual help of thy Holy Spirit, for how else can I withstand the evil of my own heart, and the fiery assaults of Satan, and the temptations of the world around. Keep me safe unto the end, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

PSALM XXVII.—ISAIAH LXIV.—1 PETER IV.

That we may rest in God.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast made the day for labour and the night for rest, I bless thee for the mercies of the past day, and beseech thee to keep me and mine in peace and safety this night. Give me such needful and lawful rest as shall fit me for the duties of that state of life in which thou hast placed me. O that my soul may ever be humbly on her watch for the time when the Lord Jesus cometh, that I may be ready at his call. Grant me, by thy grace, to love and fear thee ; to set my mind on thee ; calmly and cheerfully to rest in thee, and to feel safe and happy in thine unchanging love, through Jesus Christ. Vouchsafe to me the continual increase of true and lively faith ; that day by day I may grow in active godliness of life, and night by night in peaceful resting upon thee. O Lord, bless and save me ; make thy face to shine upon me, and be merciful unto me. O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon me, and give me now and evermore that peace the world cannot give, and which passeth understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

PSALM XL.—ECCLES. III.—MATTHEW XI.

That we may live as becometh us.

ALmighty GOD, who hast taught us that this world is not our rest, and that all the works done under the sun are in themselves but vanity and vexation of spirit, have mercy upon me, that I may set my affections on things above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand. Grant unto me a contented spirit, that so I may make my soul from day to day enjoy good in the lawful labours of my station, and may reckon this daily blessing as mine earthly portion. Thou hast appointed a time for every purpose and every work, give me that wisdom of heart which discerneth both ; that so I may remember the true pre-eminence of man above the beasts that perish, and the difference between the spirit of man that goeth upward to thee, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth. O God, my Maker, who teachest us more than the beasts of the field, and hast shewed us what is good, grant that the same mind may be in me alway that was in my blessed Saviour. Thou shalt judge the righteous and the wicked ; deal *not with me as I have deserved* ; but grant me an *entrance into heaven*, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXVIII.—ISAIAH XXXV.—ROMANS X.

The Missionary Prayer.

O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live ; have mercy upon all Jews, Mahomedans, heathens and heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. And, forasmuch as none will call on him in whom they have not believed, nor any believe on him of whom they have not heard ; and since they cannot hear without a preacher, nor any preach except they be sent ; grant that, yearning after the souls of others, we may always diligently endeavour, each according to our station and worldly means, for the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries to be sent with thy word and ordinances to them which sit in darkness ; until the world shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and all the ends of the earth shall see the *salvation of our God* ; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PSALM L.—DANIEL I.—LUKE XIII.

For Reality of Religion.

O MERCIFUL GOD, before whom not the hearers of thy law shall be just, but the doers of it shall be justified, have mercy on me, that I may not be of those who say unto thee, Lord, Lord, and build their hope thereon, but of those that do thy will. For the true knowledge of thee consisteth not in talking, but in keeping thy commandments; not in calling ourselves thine, but in following thy ways; not in professing love to thee, but in godly living. Suffer me not, O Lord, to boast of justification by faith, while I bring not forth the fruits of faith; nor to glory in the merits and precious death of Christ, whilst in works I am crucifying him afresh, and putting him to an open shame; nor yet to be satisfied with the name of Christian, whilst I walk not after the doctrines of Christ's holy Gospel. Let thy mercy be with me this day in mine earthly calling and duties; let thy grace and continual presence keep and help me; for upon thee do I cast my soul, and to thee do I trust for all I need; that in my warfare with the world, the flesh, and the devil, I may overcome, *through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer.* Amen.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

PSALM I.—ECCLES. XII.—EPHESIANS II.

That our Religion may grow.

O MERCIFUL GOD, take away from my heart all evil counsels, deliver me from all my sins, and keep me far from the way of sinners, and the scorning of what is godly. Let my delight be in thy law, that I may daily and nightly compare my ways with thy holy word, and frame my life accordingly. Make me as a tree planted by the waterbrooks ; that my soul, filled with the life of the Spirit, and watered with thy grace, may grow in faith, and bring forth plenteously the fruit of good works, and prosper in godliness, to the glory of thy name, and the welfare of thy Church. Let me not be carried about, as light dust or fruitless chaff, with the error of the wicked, or the mistakes of the unsettled ; but be stedfast in thy truth, and in the unity of thy Church. Grievously and often have I sinned and strayed from the way of thy salvation ; wherefore, I beseech thee to do away all mine offences and forgive my sins ; that in the last day, when the wicked shall fall and perish, I may stand and be accepted, and receive everlasting life, for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

PSALM XXI.—1 CHRONICLES XXIX.—ROM. XIII.

For the Queen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who hast set thy servant Victoria, our Queen, on the throne of her ancestors, we beseech thee to save and defend her evermore. Grant that she, and all the Royal Family, may continue before thee in health and peace, in joy and honour, living long and happy lives on earth, and obtaining everlasting life and blessedness hereafter in heaven, by the merits of our Redeemer. Let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and prosperity, overspread her realm, and mark her reign. Let her possess the hearts of her people, and let her enemies be overthrown. Grant that she may be the nursing mother to thy Church; let the work of God prosper in her hands, and unity and true religion everywhere increase under her rule. Grant that we, duly considering whose authority she hath, may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her in thee and for thee; and that she, knowing whose minister she is, may above all things seek thy honour and glory. So may we, enjoying peace and comfort under her rule, live thankfully to thy glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THURSDAY EVENING.

PSALM XLI.—LEVITICUS XIX.—2 COR. IX.

For a Kind and Liberal Spirit.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, incline our hearts while we have time to do good unto all men, and specially unto them that are of the household of faith. Thou lovest a cheerful giver, and hast taught us that whoso soweth little, shall reap also little ; and whoso soweth plenteously, shall reap also plenteously. Whoso giveth to the poor, lendeth to thee ; and what we so lay out shall be repaid to us again. There are who scatter and yet increase ; there are who withhold more than is meet, and find it tendeth to poverty ; for the liberal soul deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things standeth ; and whoso watereth others, shall be watered again. Whatsoever I would that men should do unto me, O grant me grace to do the same unto them, loving my neighbour as myself : remembering Him, who though he was rich, for our sakes became poor ; who laid down his life for us, and went about doing good. Freely have I received for soul and body, grant that I may freely give. Keep me, provide for me, and save me, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

PSALM XCV.—EZEKIEL II.—REVELATION XXI.

For the Clergy.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom all grace cometh, thou gavest to thine Apostles many excellent gifts, commanding them earnestly to feed thy flock ; and by the laying on of the Apostles' hands, thou didst mercifully give excellent gifts also to new pastors ; commanding these also in turn to commit the same to faithful men, who might teach others also. ~ Have mercy on thy whole Church, and make all bishops and pastors diligently to preach thy Word, and faithfully and duly to administer thy Holy Sacraments ; and grant that the people may earnestly pray for, and obediently follow, those whom thou hast appointed to rule over them, and may reverently and diligently use all thine ordinances : that we, through thy grace, and by repentance and faith, may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through the merits of Christ. For thou hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son, and hast promised to be with them alway, even unto the end, and to wipe away all tears from their eyes.

O grant me in that day to be found faithful, that I may enter into the joy of my Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

PSALM XCI.—JOB XXXV.—1 PETER V.

For God's Protecting Care.

O LORD, by whose gracious ordinance night followeth day, and darkness followeth light, and rest cometh after labour, have mercy upon me, and blot out, ere I sleep, all my sins of thought, and word, and deed, through the day past. Thy care hath followed me this day, thy goodness hath surrounded me. Thou hast clothed me, hast fed me, hast provided me a home ; blessings which many need, and yet conscience owns that I am no better than those who have them not. O let thy goodness lead me to deeper and deeper repentance day by day, and more earnest amendment of all that is evil in my ways. Shelter me this night under thine Almighty wings ; defend me and mine from the enemy of souls, and keep us from all earthly dangers ; from fire, from robbery, from sudden death, and every evil. Save me from sin ; preserve me from all that thou hast forbidden. Grant me needful rest and sleep, and when the joyful light of morning returneth, may I arise strengthened to serve thee better to-morrow than to-day. Pour thy Holy Spirit into my heart, and save me for Jesus' sake. Amen. .

SATURDAY MORNING.

PSALM CXII.—ECCLES. IX.—MATTHEW VIII.

For a Right Understanding.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, the fountain of all goodness, and giver of all blessings, show thy mercies upon me, and forgive me all the trespasses wherewith I have transgressed against thee this day, and all my life. Sanctify all the blessings which thou hast poured on me and mine this day ; and grant me so to use thy fatherly mercies, as that they shall be the means of honouring thee, and doing good to my brethren, and helping my own heavenward race. Let not my heart settle itself in the things of earth, as if earth were my home : nor yet let me neglect the duties of my station, as if I had no work to do for thee in serving my day and generation. Let the thought of eternity wean my affections from things beneath : let the sense of present duty keep me mindful that I am yet in the body. Feed my soul with thy truth ; enlighten it with thy wisdom ; strengthen it with thy grace ; quicken it with thy Holy Spirit. Keep me safe this day ; and whensoever my last hour shall come, grant me everlasting rest in thee, through *Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

PSALM LXII.—HOSEA XIV.—JOHN XV.

For Unity.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, give us grace to lay to heart the dangers in which we are by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord ; that as there is but one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity ; and may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify thee. Let each succeeding Sunday draw us closer together, not drive us further from one another. Thou makest men to be of one mind in a house ; but we are carnal, for there are divisions amongst us. Give us grace in meekness and love, but not in pride or bitterness, to mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine we have learned in thy Word, and avoid them. Inspire us with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, and guide us in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PSALMS CXVIII. CXLV. LXVI. XXXIV.—ROM. XII.

Thanksgiving for Special Mercies.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, of thy tender mercy, thou hast dealt graciously with me, filling my heart with joy and gladness. Not my deserving, but thy goodness—not my skill or power, but thy loving-kindness hath done this for me. Unto thee, O Lord, I offer myself, my soul and body, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. Grant that I may show my thankfulness not only with my lips, but in my life; by walking henceforward in thy holy ways, and setting my affections on thee, and living to thy praise. Work thy blessed will in me; let me never forget thy goodness, but alway trust in thee, who hast heard my supplications, and hast visited me with thy loving-kindness and tender mercies. Deal with me evermore according to thine unspeakable goodness in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In Times of Public Trouble.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of the spirits of all men, we are in thy hands, and our safety is from thee alone. Thou orderest all things in heaven and earth: thou rulest the raging of the sea; thou hast thy way in the whirlwind; thou sittest between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet, the people never so impatient. The nation that walketh in thy ways, thou wilt soon subdue their enemies under them. Thou deliverest thy people, which cry unto thee, from the noisome pestilence, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday; and hast promised that in the days of famine they shall have enough. Grant that I may ponder thy dealings with man, and may understand thy loving-kindness, and resign myself unto thy care and mercy. So shall my heart be quiet from fear, and strengthened to do my daily duties without alarm; for in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge until these calamities be overpast. O let no evil befall me or mine, for thou art our refuge and defence; our God, in thee will we trust for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALMS VI. XXXVII.—ISAIAH VI. III.—HEB. XII.

Under Private or Family Affliction.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all consolation, unto thee I commend myself, and those who are dear to me. Thou hast visited me with chastenings, yet not according to my deserving ; for thou dealest with me tenderly, as with thy child. Thou bringest low, and liftest up ; thou killest, and makest alive again. Grant me so to humble myself under thy mighty hand, that in due time thou mayest exalt me. Show me wherefore thou contendest with me, that I may learn the lesson which thou art teaching me. Thou knowest whereof we are made. O remember that we are but dust, and if it be thy will, mercifully remove thy heavy hand, pouring thy grace into my soul ; for in thy tender mercy and loving-kindness is all my trust, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALMS VI. XXIII, LXXI.—JOB XXXIII.—2 COR. IV.—
PHIL. II.

In Sickness.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, look down upon me with thine eye of mercy, and thine accustomed goodness. Sanctify this thy fatherly correc-

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tion to me, that the sense of my weakness may add seriousness to my repentance, and strength to my faith. Make me humble and patient, grateful and submissive. Comfort me with hope and confidence in thine unchanging love, thine unerring wisdom. Defend me from the danger of the enemy of souls, and keep me in safety and peace of mind through Christ. Grant, if it be thy gracious will, that I may recover my bodily health : assuage my sufferings, giving me needful sleep, and rest, and relief, as shall seem to thee best for me ; that if it shall be thy good pleasure to raise me once again, I may lead the rest of my life in thy fear, and to thy glory ; or else give me grace so to take this sickness, that after this painful life is ended I may dwell with thee in life eternal, washed and accepted and pure through the merits of Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM CXVI. CHIL. CXXX.—JOB XIV.—ISAIAH
XXXVIII.—HEBREWS V.

In Dangerous Sickness.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of such as truly repent, that thou

rememberest them no more, open thine eye of mercy upon me. I repent, and am heartily sorry for my numberless transgressions ; and earnestly desire thy pardon and forgiveness. Renew in me, O Heavenly Father, all that hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by mine own carnal will and sinful frailness. Preserve me in the unity of thy Church ; pardon and deliver me from all my sins. Mercifully remove my sickness, if it be thy will ; assuage my pains, and restore my wasted health. In myself there is no help nor salvation : in thy rich mercy is all my hope, and trust, and confidence. Wash my soul, that it may be presented pure and spotless before thee. Let thy precious blood cleanse the stain of all my sins ; let thy righteousness cover and hide my unrighteousness ; let thy merits be the satisfaction for mine iniquities. Be thou always beside my bed of sickness ; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Let not the wicked one approach to hurt me, nor the fear of death overcome my flesh ; but let thy presence and thy comforts be with me, and strengthen me with thy blessed *Spirit* ; and when my last hour shall come, take *me unto thy favour*, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Dejection and Despondency.

O BLESSED LORD of light and love, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, look down on me in pity and compassion. My heart is heavy, my soul in sore anguish : no joy shineth within, but the light in me is gloom. Have mercy on me, O my Saviour ! Thine eye is not closed that it cannot see ; thine ear is not heavy that it cannot hear ; but mine iniquities have separated between me and thee. O blot out this thick cloud, and shine into my soul. Thou writest bitter things against me, bitter because of their truth : thy wrath lieth hard on me, but not harder than my deserving : my soul is full of trouble, which I have justly drawn on myself. O gracious God, give me a right understanding of myself, and of thy threats and promises, that I may neither cast away my confidence from thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Deliver me from fear of mine enemy : give me strength against all my temptations, and heal my distempers of body or of mind. Break not the bruised reed ; quench not the smoking flax ; shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon me, and give me peace, through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

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